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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WERNER BIECK, et al.

FOR: FOIL-TYPE SWITCHING ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the indicated application, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 4 of this paper;

Amendments to the Abstract beginning on page 7 of this paper; and

Remarks beginning on page 8 of this paper.